

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

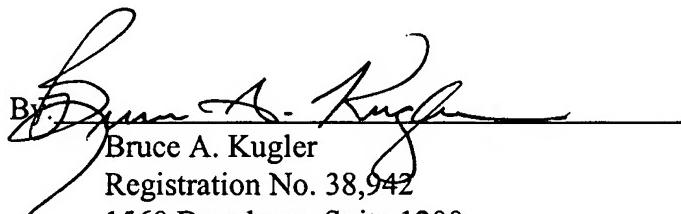
Claims 1-27 are pending in the applications. Claims 1-19 and 24 are withdrawn from consideration based on a restriction requirement, and are cancelled herein. However, the Applicant respectfully reserves the right to prosecute these claims and the invention disclosed therein in a Continuation or Divisional application.

It is acknowledged with appreciation that Claim 21 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent claim format. Claims 20, 22-23 and 25 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,165,115 to Rea. Claims 26-27 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rea in view of U.S. Patent No. D345,081 to Adami et al. Claim 21 has been cancelled, and the limitations therein have been included in Independent Claim 20.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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